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Final Settlement.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the estate of
MARTHA A. HIGLEY, Dec'd.
will make a final settlement of said estate at the next term of the Probate Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, to be begun and held in Farmington, a said county, on the second Monday in April, 1910.
HARRY E. HIGLEY, Executor.
February 18, 1910.

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County Court Proceedings

The following business was transacted by the County Court the last three days of its session of the regular February term:

S. T. Horn, Harry E. Higley and W. B. Rariden were appointed appraisers in the matter of tuberculosis of cattle at State Hospital No. 4.

B. M. Veelker and Edward Basler, copartners doing a telephone business under the firm name of Free Exchange Telephone, applied for permission to erect poles and maintain wires along the Farmington and St. Mary's road from the village of Minnith in Ste. Genevieve county to the city of Farmington, which was granted on condition that they construct and maintain the same in such manner as not to incommode the public in the use of said road as a public highway.

The County Treasurer was directed to transfer from the county officers fund to the contingent fund the sum of \$1,000.

County Highway Engineer Holman was directed to dispose of the old side walk around the Court square to purchasers in quantity to suit at 25 cents per lineal foot, exclusive of the curbing and exclusive of the walk on the south side.

G. W. O'Dam of Flat River filed report of Dr. C. R. Fleming, medical examiner for the Mount Vernon Tuberculosis Sanitarium, and made application for the admission of Mrs. G. W. O'Dam to said institution as a free patient from the county; whereupon it was ordered that she be declared a county charge and that request be made for her admission as a county patient to the Sanitarium.

Thomas H. Holman was reappointed County Highway Engineer for one year at a salary of \$1,400, including the services required of him by law as county surveyor in the matter of new roads or changes of roads, etc., and his bond was fixed at \$2,500.

T. H. Holman was directed to enter into agreement with S. O. Conway to move the band stand from the southeast corner to the northeast corner of Court square, and to employ some competent person to construct base for same and erect the brick pillars.

T. H. Holman was directed to prepare profile and estimate of the probable cost of a six-foot concrete sidewalk with coping around the Public Square, and to advertise for bids for the construction of same, bids to be opened at the March term.

Road Overseers.
The Court, with the assistance of the County Highway Engineer, appointed the following road overseers for the year 1910, and fixed the amount of bond of each:

DIST. NOS.
1. Henry Ruh, Iron Mountain
2. J. R. McClannahan, Bismarck
3. M. S. Eaton, Leadwood
4. R. C. Pigg, Bonne Terre
5. E. E. Turley, Bonne Terre
6. W. N. Polite, Blackwell
7. J. D. Huff, Doe Run
8. Thos. H. Weddle, Doe Run
9. Wm. Dugal, Farmington
10. J. O. Doherty, Farmington
11. W. B. Ritter, Elvins
12. W. A. Mitchell, Esther
13. John Albert, Desloge
14. Zeno Kerlagon, Bonne Terre
15. J. F. Sigman, Jaydee
16. Shelt T. Horn, Hazel Run
17. Fred Aubuchon, French Village
18. H. H. O'Bannon, Knob Lick
19. G. E. Williams, Knob Lick
20. B. G. Porter, Farmington
21. H. J. Branning, Farmington
22. Peter Meyer, Farmington
23. Jno. A. Gibson, Libertyville
24. A. J. Kennon, Libertyville

The compensation for said road overseers, as provided in section 10,406 of article 2, 1909 session acts, was fixed at 25 cents for each and every hour (not exceeding 10 hours per day) actually and necessarily employed as such overseer.

County Clerk Lawrence presented account of fees due him by the State, amounting to \$97.83, which was audited and certified to the State Auditor for payment.

Poll Tax Levy.
The Court hereby levies for road purposes upon every able-bodied male inhabitant of St. Francois County over 21 and under 50 years of age, except persons residing within incorporated cities, towns and villages, a poll tax of \$3.00, according to the provisions of section 10,472, article 2, session acts of 1909; and it is further ordered that the Clerk of this Court certify a copy of this order to each road overseer appointed for the year 1910.

A petition was filed by J. G. Layne, J. D. Vance and others for an election to vote for a special road district, which petition was denied by the Court.

An account of the anticipated assistance of State Highway Engineer Curtis Hill in the preparation of plans and specifications, etc., the matter of apportionment of the revenues for the year is deferred until the adjourned term in March.

The Court awarded a contract to Geo. W. Cunningham to bore a deep well at the County Infirmary at \$1.50 per foot for the first 200 feet, and \$2.00 per foot in excess of 200 feet.

Court adjourned to meet February 28th.

Warrants Issued.

Klein Gro. Co., jail supplies	\$ 5.65
W. Doughty, wood for jail	20.00
T. H. Holman, appropriation on old gravel road	800.00
J. A. Lawrence, financial statement 1909	100.00
City Drug Store, Inf. supplies	10.85
J. A. Lawrence, tax list, etc.	39.41
S. O. Conway, labor	.50
Schmitt Bros., material	4.05
T. H. Holman, salary	83.00
J. D. Mitchell, justice	35.00
T. K. Barnett, justice	35.50
A. W. Kinzer, justice	35.50
Wm. London, sheriff	17.00
Farmington Mer. Co.,	23.25
I. Murray, care of Peter Blanks	13.00

"TRUSTING TAFT."
Nebraska's Senator Burkett, who is a candidate for re-election, is having quite a time with his constituency on account of his failure to support the common people and his open and unqualified support of Taft-Cannon-Aldrich and the crowd that is for the few as against the many. The other night Burkett made a speech in Washington to the Nebraska Republican club, and incidentally his whole plea was to "trust Taft." He claimed this was the panacea for all of the country's ills and would cure them all.

"Trust Taft"—and don't worry, or fret, or get mad, or think for yourself; just "trust Taft." It is the voice of the sluggard, the coward, the trimmer. To the distracted hosts of Republicanism it comes from many quarters. But it comes loudest and most earnestly from just two sources—from those who want to hold the sinking ship together till they can reach shore just once more, like Burkett, and from those who have placed their entire and unquestioning trust in Taft to do all he can to beat down insurgency and hold the prow of the old ship pointing directly toward the north star of torquism.

"Trust Taft," says Aldrich, "trust Taft," says Cannon, "trust Taft," says Ballinger, "trust Taft," say the trusts, and "trust Taft," echoes Burkett.

But why should the plain people trust Taft? Why should honest Republicans trust him?

They did "trust Taft," and he helped make Cannon Speaker.

They did "trust Taft," and he helped fasten the Cannon rules anew on the House.

They did "trust Taft," and he helped Aldrich as "the leader of the Senate."

They did "trust Taft," and he declared for the central bank of issue.

They did "trust Taft," and he helped defeat the income tax.

They did "trust Taft," and he signed the Aldrich tariff act, and declared it "the best tariff law ever passed."

They did "trust Taft," and he put Ballinger, the enemy and attorney of the land thieves, in charge of the lands the thieves were plotting to steal.

They did "trust Taft," and he discharged Glavis and Pinchot, who were honestly trying to protect the public domain against powerful conspirators.

They did "trust Taft," and he put Knox and Nagel and Wickersham and Dickinson in his cabinet—trust lawyers all of them.

They did "trust Taft," and he appointed Lurton to the Supreme Bench.

They did "trust Taft," and now he is trying to fasten a federal incorporation law on their backs for a saddle on which private monopoly can ride them to death.

They did "trust Taft," and now he is getting ready to burden them with a shipping subsidy.

How much longer must they "trust Taft?"

And how much longer, if they continue to "trust Taft," will they be able to pay the heavy price that comes as a penalty for trusting Taft?

How would it do for the American people to begin trusting their own judgment and conscience awhile, just for a change?—St. Joseph Observer.

THE ALASKAN FRAUDS AND SECRETARY BALLINGER.
The Administration's Policy Involves the Selling of Coal Lands at \$10 an Acre Which Would Net the Government Millions in Royalty.

"There is something rotten in the territory of Alaska," says the Omaha World-Herald. "The slimy trail of that rottenness covers all the thousands of miles that lie between the rich coal fields of Alaska and the Interior Department at Washington. Every few days there is a fresh development going to show that Congressmen Hitchcock's original resolution, calling for a congressional investigation of the Interior Department's administration of Alaskan affairs, went straight to the mark. And the nearer the congressional committee comes to confining its inquiries to what has been happening in Alaska, and what now is happening there, the better it will serve the purpose for which it was created. The offer made in writing by John E. Ballaine, described as the largest individual property owner in Alaska, to the Senate Committee on Territories is absolutely astounding, both in what it discloses and in the possibilities it suggests. The scheme which is now on foot, and which only the investigation and the publicity attending it can defeat, is for the government to lease or sell the Alaska coal fields at \$10 an acre."

"Mr. Ballaine now offers, instead, to pay a royalty to the government of 50 cents a ton for 5,000 acres of such coal land. He offers to file a bond of \$1,000,000 to insure his fulfillment of the contract. The royalty, he estimates, basing the estimate on reports of the United States geological survey, would run as high as \$2,000,000 per hundred acres—or \$100,000,000 for 5,000 acres! Contrast this with the \$50,000 the government would realize out of the sale or lease of 5,000 acres in the manner proposed by Secretary Ballinger's friends! Mr. Ballaine further quotes the geological survey as estimating that there are sixteen billions of tons of coal already in sight in Alaska. If this were mined on the same royalty basis he offers the government would realize, out of these coal fields, the stupendous sum of eight billions of dollars!"

"Is it strange in the light of these figures that the Guggenheim interests should find it worth while to make strenuous efforts, to stop at nothing, to reach even into the Cabinet itself and into Congress, to realize its ambition to gain control of these enormous coal deposits for a mere song, \$10 an acre—deposits worth many billions of dollars? According to charges made by Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, even army officers are at Washington lobbying in behalf of the Guggenheim steal, and have threatened him with personal violence for his opposition. One of these officers proclaims himself to be 'the adviser of the administration on all matters relating to Alaska.' In written charges filed with the Senate Committee on Territories Judge Wickersham—who for several years was a Federal Judge in Alaska, appointed by President McKinley—makes allegations so serious, reflecting even on President Taft, that Senator Beveridge, chairman of the committee, refuses to make them public or incorporate them into the record."

"Despite anything that may be done, however, the public attention has been focused on Alaska. The indignation of an entire nation has been so stirred that whatever plots of gigantic jobbery and rapine of public property may have been under way, it will be impossible now to put them through. The game has become too dangerous. It may have been an easy matter to deceive the President as to Secretary Ballinger and the plotters who are backing him. But light is flooding the dark places and the deeds that were begun in darkness can never be carried to a successful conclusion when the sun is shining. The President may stand by Ballinger to the end—to the bitter end—but the gigantic conspiracy, the greatest ever plotted against the American people, and of which the foisting of Ballinger upon Taft as Secretary of the Interior was a necessary part, is foiled in its beginning."

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GOV. HUGHES' "BUTT-IN."
Referring to Governor Hughes' attack upon the income tax James K. Peterson of New York writes to the World to say: "In the discussion of Governor Hughes' objection to the income tax amendment the most important points seem to have been overlooked. The Governor had no right to meddle in the case at all. The constitution does not allow the Governor of a State a voice in the making of constitutional amendments; that duty devolves on the Legislature alone. Mr. Hughes as a private citizen can express his opinion freely, but the Governor of New York had no right to send a message to the Legislature either favoring or opposing the amendment. He violated the constitution in so doing."

Moreover, if he objected to the amendment because it would allow Congress to tax the income from State bonds, he ought to have said so when the amendment was pending in Congress. His failure to do so casts a doubt on his good faith.

But the objection itself is unsound. The constitution as it is authorizes Congress to tax the States themselves, apportioning the tax according to population. There is nothing in the constitution to prevent the federal Government's raising its entire revenue in that way. And as Congress already has power to tax the States, there can be no harm in giving it power to tax the income from State bonds."

Mrs. Meeks of Algire, Washington county, died on the 2d after an illness of two years. She was 111 years old.

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